

AQUARIUS

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WINTER 1916

IRISH IRE IS RAISED

Dublin(EPI): Referring to CN#45, Eire President O'Brian observed, that 'His Lordship, Boyer the 3rd, seems to be ignoring the fact that Eire is a sovereign state. As such, it will be up to the Irish people to decide whether they want to be neutral, not the Council of Nations. So far, the Council has denied us a seat (by rejecting CN#25), foisted Cullen-Hendry as an absentee-type landlord-representative upon us. Now they intend to pile insult upon insult, by occupying Eire with a bunch of Swiss mercenaries and other assorted things. To this, all of Ireland can only say, 'No! The insults must stop here.' And so, I say to the warlord of gromesville, "Eire, will take no more from your pipsqueak principality--invade us will you--well try it and you will be ground into the dust, along with your other bootlickers."

SULTANIS TO VISIT PORTUGAL

Constantinople: In a startling announcement the Sultanis has shocked the nation in planning a visit to Portugal and the Court of Queen Margaret of Portugal. Congratulating the Queen on her accession to the throne of that proud country, Cynthia extended feelers to the nation of Portugal concerning definite talks between the two nations and went as far as to offer to visit Portugal in the near future or to receive Queen Margaret here in Constantinople if she desired. No clues were given as to the reason for the Sultanis leaving the country, but it is rumored that it was a part of her efforts to make Turkey more popular in the West and boost the sale of Turkish Towels in Lisbon.

In other announcements the Sultanis voiced extreme displeasure over the recent occupation of Moscow by English troops but expressed confidence in the word of King Richard that it was all a big mistake and that he would be moving it back to St. Petersburg soon as the spring thaw.

The Sultanis also offered a few words on the opening of the new 5-story Swiss embassy in downtown Constantinople and was accompanied on platform by several Swiss dignitaries who were reported to be members of the Swiss

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HERR BARENTS TALKS

Munich(HBP): Today it was announced that the Austrians had finally seen that the Pope was an Anti-Christ and have decided to back the German Reich in taking back this city and restoring the beauty that it once had.

Herr Barents made this important breakthrough just days after the Anti-Christ sent forces to invade the honorable Austrians. The Austrians are brothers to the Germans, and it is the wish of the German state to see that Austria does not have to put up with the maniacs of the Italian Anti-Christ. Thus, Herr Barents sent a team to Austria and details are now being worked out in Vienna by the Germans and the Austrian Prince. It is hoped that by the Spring of 1917 that an alliance can be signed that will allow both states to grow and profit.

ENGLISH CONQUEST OF MOSCOW CALLED CHEAPY

Warsaw(Winter 1916): President Cullen-Hendry today noted the Cheap shot by England this past year in taking Moscow. "I know Asquith is made at me for the fine job I did versus him in Ireland, but I never thought he'd stoop so low to do that. I guess he wants me back in Ireland in a hurry so I can start doing a job on him."

SERBIA SIDES WITH GERMANY

Belgrade: The Serbian government has viewed the trial of the Danish radical Toisch for the past several weeks with great interest. It is the view of the Serbian government that Toisch should be shot for his dasdardly crime. To meet that end the Serbian government is sending Herr Barents 100 cases of Thud Rifle cartridges.

NEW SHIP IN TURKEY

Constantinople: At an early morning launching, Sultanis Cynthia broke a bottle of imported BURP beer across the hull of the mighty Dreadnaught DAMASCUS--flag ship of the new Turkish high seas fleet. Not 100 feet from

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VISIT TO PORT., CONT.

embassy staff since the official ambassador had not yet arrived due to the failure of Turkey to supply sufficient submarine moorings.

The Sultanis also announced that the Piastre was headed for new heights on the Bourse money exchange citing the amazing gains made last season and the imminent Turkish military success in Greece as indicators or the validity of this statement.

The Sultanis closed off the speech by displaying a new 50 piastri coin that was to be put into circulation soon. The coin was solid gold and sported the picture of the dead Sultan embracing some children on one side and the words "He died that they may live" on the reverse side.

SWISS TOP AMBASSADOR
SLIPS BY ITALIANS IN SUB!

Bern, Switzerland: Swiss government officials announced that their top Ambassador, Johann Boyer, III, had made it safely through the destroyer screen of the Italian Empire in the Ionian Sea and reached Constantinople. It was expected that top secret meetings would soon begin with the Sultanis' military leaders. The stated objectives were leaked by indiscreet officials as being a joint military adventure against the Italian mainland should the current peace talks in Geneva would fail.

QUEEN MARGARET SPEAKS

Lisbon, Portugal: Again it becomes Portugal's deep responsibility to straighten out the world. It is a fortunate thing that Queen Margaret is now in charge in this country for without her help the world is sure to blow itself to you know where and back.

My, my, somebody is again throwing mud on the name of our good friend and the world's, the Swiss. We can't understand why the Swiss are trying to give Tuscany away. It does not belong to Italy. Never did. It belongs to Eustracans who sole surviving heir is Queen Margaret.

Now to the Germans (Must we discuss them, yes, we must) and the mock trial, yes, you hear right, mock trial... Kangaroo court, and general rip-off. The witness for the State Dumbhead, or Stupidhead, err, Dunhead can't be believed. He is a member of the Purple Land! Even in that he was a failure.

Discharged by the Don for sending out a
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NEW SHIP, CONT.

here rested the almost completed Heavy cruiser Stockholm II which was being built as a gift to Sweden to replace the Swedish Heavy Cruiser Stockholm that was sunk two years ago in this very harbor and now serves as morring for Avid Hossenlockers fishing scow. Fortunately, the beer only caused minor damage to the hull of the Damascus and the fleet is expected to go to sea soon on shake down and then perhaps to Sweden for official delivery of the Stockholm II.

GIBRALTAR OVERRUN
BY BRITISH FORCES

Gibraltar (WASP): Imperial forces today stormed ashore and captured this former British colony from a bunch of Barbary Pirates who had been occupying our base since the outbreak of war in the north. Commenting upon the entire operation (and upon the Balearic controversy); the Commander-in-Chief of the landing force, Major-General Currie of the Canadian I Corps stated: "I was highly pleased with today's operation. I admit we had difficulty with our preceding occupations of the Azores and the Canary Islands, but the practical experience gained was put to good use today. As for the Balearic Islands; well like Corsica and Sardinia they are of no strategic value. Besides, as I am sure you have heard by now, the reported 'Russian' sub sunk off Scapa Flow was actually a Swiss submarine commanded by a Captain O'Rouge. (English authorities believes O'Roug was imprisoned in Germany and not up to his old terrorist tricks) Since O'Rouge confessed that Boyer put him up to the whole thing, England felt stern measures were called for. So, as a warning we mined the harbors, destroyed the Mallorcan sub pens, and followed that up yesterday, with the destruction of the pirates' sub pens, in Fez."

Following that disclosure, a spokesman for the War Office announced that Major-General Currie had been recalled to take command of a newly formed 'Alpine' army.

H.M.S. HOOD SUNK

Scapa Flow (CHP): The sister submarine, The Corsician Terrier, captained by Fearless Mack Sonavitch, a famous self-made immigrant, reported that he sunk the Hood when he found the sister sub, Merry Lamb, was sunk.

PORTUGAL SPEAKS, CONT.

an overripe Pavolene to the Don's house, he has been a professional State's Witness since then. We are grieved that anyone would want to harm Johann Boyer, Sr., a foremost playboy who has done nothing but try and improve the world situation by keeping money in circulation as well as himself.

Now you folks are doing some nice things at UN ((sic)). How about letting the smaller nations in it? Portugal has many good ideas that should add to the fame of that organization. Cindy, darling, we are so proud of you! You have come a long way. Standing up to that mean old German, Barents...next time you see him to give the regards of most of Europe, open a can of Burrp, drink it fast and then... BURP!

Now to those kind gentlemen, North Africa and France...Portugal would not say any unkind words against you. We all love you, and of course, want to see that you keep Gibraltar.

Now to our dear old friend, Johann Boyer, Jr. who has lent his name to a new beverage, Bovio. A combination of vine (portugese) and Burrp, it is now believed to be keeping nations of Europe sleeping and become the drink of the Council of Nations.

SICILY HAS BEEN TAKEN!

Fez(NATO): Rebel Sicilians, assisted by the North Africans' 4th and 5th armies, and 2nd and 3rd Marines, it was rumored that THE family has retreated to Crete. Meanwhile, negotiations are taking place, to determine how the land will be divided.

TURP BEER???

Warm Camel, Morrocco(NATO): A third major beer company has been formed today, when North African consumers became disenchanted with both Slurp and Burp beers. The new company's name is Turp Beer, and its motto is "You need a Turp like you need a Molson muscle!"

SWISS BEER NEGOTIATIONS

Geneva, Switzerland: Local Beer companies were still considering other beer companies when it was heard that two new companies, Turp and Bovio were out on the market. We'll wait.

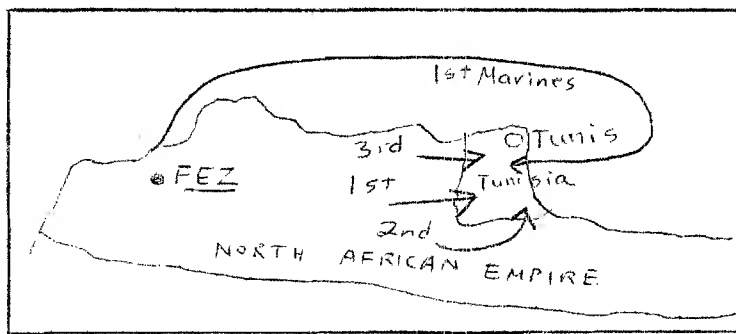
THUD MUNITIONS, LTD. OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Boom, Serbia: The Thud Munitions Works opened its door for the first time today. There was an immediate rush as buyers for the major warring factions fought their way to be first in line.

The famous gut ripping 56 caliber thud rifle cartridge is the company's main product. They also sell a wide range of howitzers, rifles and poison gas in your favorite color and odor.

NORTH AFRICANS HIT TUNIS

Messana(NATO): Since the people of Italy have not recognized our Swiss allies, we will ignore them here-to-after. We will also continue our campaign upon Tunis. The troops which were pulled out of Portugal this Fall--after a brief rest--have been moved to the Tunisian front. "Little resistance was met in the South, but stiff," has occurred on the outskirts of Tunis. Maybe this map will explain it.



NOB JOB: CHANCELLOR

Belgrade: World Activist, Hobbi Nob Job has just been named Chancellor of Serbia in recent popular elections here. Nob Job's duties will be to administer internal affairs of Serbia and all subject provinces. He will also seek to find the fate of the King of Austria.

GERMANS DENOUNCE ENGLISH

Kiel(HBP): Today Herr Barents denounced the attack of the English on the Belgian soil. It was a ruthless attack on this small country by the British. Shelling small towns with their heavy fleets, 12,345 civilians were killed or wounded in 15 cities about the state. Herr Barents sent a strong
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GERMAN DENOUNCE, CONT.

statement to the English saying that if they did not restore the damage that they would surely have a fight on their hands.

In talk about the Sweden incident, Herr Barents, said that the British were claiming their rightful place in that part of the world, and that it had been agreed to well in advance. It was not a take-over, but a change of influence. This change was needed as the Germans had only sent a force to attack Sweden when the Russians were attacking from there. The Fleet was never intended to stay, even as long as it did, but the war demanded that it stay where it was.

SWISS INVITED TO BURP

Slobberslovna, Serbia: The Burp Beer Company was delighted to hear of the Swiss interest in Burp. The company officials have decided to invite the Swiss to tour Burp Beer's main brewery in Slobberslovnia. It is hoped that when the Swiss compare Burp's operation with Slurp, they will see that Burp beer is truly superior.

ENGLAND PM RESIGNS

London(EPI): Prime Minister Asquith today announced his resignation following a split in the Defense Committee over the situation in Russia. The Conservative leader, Bonar Law, has accepted the King's offer to form a new government. In his first press conference as Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Mr. Law, stated that he was appointing General Smuts of South Africa to take command of our Northern Front. At the sametime, General Smuts would be given special plenipotentiary powers to deal with the present situation in Moscow.

Concerning the Swiss threats, the new P.M. stated everybody knew about the ravings of John III (who seems to be even less stable than John II). His Majesty's Government was therefore prepared to wait and see what the other Council members had to say on the subject. Lastly, he stated that England viewed the entire Portugal solution as unsatisfactory. Granted France should have some say--but not North Africa and Spain. England feels that Queen Margaret should have at least 90% (after all it is her own country).

Buy a lime--they'll be regular.

TRIAL MOVED!!!

Berlin(HBP): The trial of the assassin of the Kaiser today was moved to Sweden. Reports that there wasn't a chance of a fair trial in Germany throughout the world forced the hand of Herr Barents. Thus under the control of the British courts, the Trial of this kaiser killer shall take place.

The jury shall consist of 3 Germans, 3 Englishmen, 3 Turks and 3 Austrians. The Judges for this trial shall be from Switzerland. Thus as it can be seen that it shall be a fair trial. Fairness is what the German People want and fairness is what the world shall get.

SWISS JUDGE READIES

Geneva, Switzerland(CHP): The famous court judge, Judge Cornell Richard "Double O" Kitchen, reported in a public statement that Swiss authorities have selected him to be the head judge for the Trial to take place in London on the guilt of Mr. Toisch. He said that he would do everything in his power to ensure a fair trial of the killer. Asked what the "Double O" nickname meant, he replied that was an unfortunate name from a past case where the accused murderer was an insane person and kept calling him a "crook". "The 10 % press reporters then took my initials and added the "Double O" to make it C.R.O.O.K. Of course, I did my best to sue the newspaper but I unfortunately lost my trial. I hope that you gentlemen will not print this or I'll guarantee that I'll sue Aquarius!"

SLURP ANNOUNCES PROFIT

Munich(HBP): Today it was announced at the Slurp Beer Company that for the year of 1916, they had their highest profits, most business and highest earnings of any year. They went on to say that Burp Beer has helped increase their sales since people would taste that trash and then buy 10 cases of Slurp to wash the taste out of their mouths. All in all it has been a good year for the Slurp Beer Co. Also, it was announced at that meeting that 10-11 Beer Gardens serve Slurp as opposed to Burp, because their customers would not drink that rotten beer made out of rotten hops, worn out grass seed, and decayed malt. Slurp Beer is the only beer that uses 100% A-1 products in making this fine beer.
((A paid-for article from Slurp International))

COUNCIL DEBATE, CONT.

the time when it will be enforceable. As to the Albanian motion of #44 which would create a smaller game within our larger game we whole heartedly support this motion and ask only that the small nations of Armenia and Syria be given more of a fair chance for growth. Moving to the mass of Swiss motions we come first to agree with most of the motion but are forced to take issue with some points of our allies' motion in order for it to be more clear. We propose that it be changed to read that the CNPF center not be doubled in strength. This would make Ireland impossible to take and Crete almost impossible to capture. Also we feel that these areas would be open to all nations thus more likely to be caught off guard by some supposedly peaceful force. We would also like to include the new center of Gibraltar as a CNPF staging area citing that this would give more balance to their deployment and enable more units to be put into service especially at first with the flood that could come in. We also feel that such a force should be more at the mercy of the host nations' wishes, i.e., the host country should be allowed to destroy any CNPFs within his country if he should decide to in effect STAB the Council of Nations. Thus I would suggest a clause that would read: If a host nation so desires, he may place the CNPF stationed in any of his controlled provinces "under Arrest" thus eliminating their effect on the game for that turn and enabling him to decide their fates, i.e., he would send home the troops of an ally while keep others.

The above is not a motion but suggestions for a motion at the time. We will vote against the present motion #45 this turn but will re-introduce a motion along these lines in the future.

Concerning motion #46 we have long backed this position even as far back as the first motion that imposed the fines. We are happy to see that the light has been seen. Motion #47 sound very good but I disagree with the must of having to hold the office of GS or DGS when the game ends, thus we will vote no on this motion. Motion #48 this motion would be completely agreeable if there was a chance to get points for motions passed that would figure in here and possibly offset the weight put on holding office if large enough. Nevertheless, we will vote yes here to start some positive action on a sore point.

With a sigh of relief the representative turned to sit down careful to check if his

chair had been stolen. As usual it had been long gone so with a youthful glee the aged representative leaped again for his secretary's lap only to find her gone too. Not to be shaken the crafty Bables folded his speech over once and sat on it finding it a little higher than his normal chair but still as comfortable.

GERMANY LAUDS C of N

Berlin(HBP): Herr Barents today complemented the Council of Nations on their latest motions. "I feel that they are finally getting out of that tripe that has been filling that great hall for so long. The motions about the peace forces are very good. I feel though that they will be bogged down in workpapers for some time to come. I can't help but feel sorry for this great body of men." He went on to say that Germany would still not listen to what the Council had to say, nor in anyway do what the Council wished. Instead of being bogged down like the Council, the German people have been in action. Peace has been foremost on the mind of the Kaiser and his first aid, Herr Barents since the death of kaiser Wilhem, some 2 years ago. They have men in all countries in the world and are actively seeking peace.

RUSSIAN ATHLETES PROCLAIMED
SUPERIOR!

Warsaw(Winter 1916): The Russian Olympians and Soccer team were treated to a gala parade and party thanks to their fine showings in this year's competition. The Olypians took second place in the competition, and we eagerly look forward to 1920's events whether as Russia or Ireland. The Soccer team was eliminated on a fluke overtime goal by Albania and they were also feted. They will go into hard training for next year's competition. Already the university training period is in progress and the national team will take the best of these for next season. This year Russia will win over all!

ENGLISH APPOINT GREY

Bern(WASPS): The Law Government has announced the appointment of Sir Edward Grey as temporary head of the English delegation to the Council of Nations. In making this announcement, the corporal in charge of Embassy guard, (cont. next page., col. 1)

stated that, this was made necessary by the sudden recall of the entire delegation to England for consultations (about what no one told the corporal). All he knew was that him and his mate, Alf, had to be left behind, because they could nly get forty in the Embassy Volkswagen--and welll somebody would have to mind the bloody place, or else the natives might get restless.

NEWS FROM DENMARK ON TRIAL

((Please note, readers that the news on this famous, but secret trial is quite confusing and contradictory at this time. We are trying our best to get you the latest and up-to-date information on this trial--but the police have put the big clamp on the press and we have yet found a source leak.)) Chapter 332:

The death of Toisch commenced at 11:00 at night, Berlin time. The hour is such that all innocent people are asleep. This place that Toisch is in is called the Berlin Death House. "Gosh, It's a thrill being here," said the Kraiser's successor, Herr Barents. Some of the viewers that have arrived for the execution of this master assassin, David Edward Toisch, were there to gather material for tales and generally add to the legends of this condemned man. There were others that arrived who found a warrior's cheer in the finality of Toisch's sentence. Still there were others who showed up for a half hour's entertainment at the end of a wearisome day. "Yeabow, that hit em for me! I's is very tired, you know," said Kraiser Barents.

To those who have not torn this document up and tossed it away in disgust at Toisch's untimely demise, you are about to read the full details of the political execution of a man convicted of a crime of killing the man who was going to take the country of Denmark away from him. The man Davoy Toisch killed was Kraiser Bill. And because Toisch was caught sneaking a Gung Foo player in the Boyer soccer games, he was turned over to the German Police by his greatest ass-hole buddy, Johann Boyer, Sr., for the reward money. The penalty for taking a human life is fixed by law. It does not matter if that taking of the life is in self-defense or not. The law is the law, and the law is absolute. Toisch must die.

The death house is really a prison within a prison. The air inside the execution cham-

ber is damp and unbreatheable. There are two wings of cells. Each with twelve cells. Each cell for a captured and convicted murderer. Toisch resides in one of those tw. ty-four cells. This is the scene behind the walls of Germany's high security penal colony for the European Continent.

Gentlemen now enter the chamber for Toisch's execution. With a few exceptions, they are all men of military rank. They are shown the cell Toisch is held in and then they are seated on chairs facing a large square chair in the center of the room. Attached to that large square chair are a number of leather straps. The atmosphere in the room is strained, as at a funeral awaiting for the body to show up. They are all looking from time to time to the small door at the other side of the room. Finally, the door opens. And the march of death for Toisch from his cell to the electric chair begins.

Back in Toisch's cell, there is a man dressed in black crying, and kneeling in evident prayers for Toisch. His words are soft and barely heard. Toisch takes the man's head in his hands and says, "Cry not for this man whom you call Toisch, Father. He will live again. Legends do not die. Cry instead for those who would do him harm in name of Aquariusian Justice. They have yet to meet the wrath of Toisch, and that wrath is horrible to behold. So speaks Toisch, and so speaks he who talks to you now." "The curse of Toisch is on them"

Meanwhile, several tall, husky uniformed men approach the cell. There is a rattle of their keys, the steel door swings open, and for a brief moment, Toisch looks at them, and they quickly look away. No words are spoken. At a nod from the new Kraiser, Barents the Usurper, Toisch is escorted out.

At another nod from this new Kraiser, a guard bends down, avoiding looking at Toisch in the face, and cuts Toisch's right trouser leg. And at this moment, Toisch's march of Death begins.

Flanked by guards on all sides of him, David Edward Toisch begins his march forward to the electric chair that is reserved for him. The Father looks on from back in the cell, and falls to his knees and begins praying again, but this time, not for Captain Toisch, but as Toisch instructed him to, he was praying on his knees for those men who bear the curse of Toisch.

The procession moves through the small door and into the execution chamber. The witnesses of this foul plan to end the life flow of Captain D.E. Toisch sit fastened to
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TOISCH'S TRIAL, CONT.

their chairs in complete attention. Few are not aware of the strong public outcry to this execution. Letters, telgrams, phone calls from all over the world. President Roosevelt has even threaten the new Kraiser with complete actions of war if usurper Barents dares to perform this ugly sentence on a American citizen.

The activity around the large chair in the center of the room takes on a sudden birth of movement. The prisoner is seated, the straps are adjusted, quickly clasping the arms and legs and torso of Toisch into the large chair.

Kraiser Barents has lighted up a cigar and placed it in his mouth. Toisch takes a few puffs and the cigar is removed. Kraiser Barents says to Toisch, "Davey, there are those in AQUARIUS who feel that this punishment is too severe, but for myself..." Barents looks at Toisch in the eyes.

"But for yourself," Toisch continues for the Kraiser, as if the new Kraiser has forgotten to read the lines on his cue card, "but for yourself, you think it is far too lenient, eh, Jungle Boy?"

"Well, we'll see how quick your wit is in a few moments, Captain Toisch." Then turning to execution chamber team, he says, "Let the execution begin."

Every movement of the execution chamber team is now bringing Toisch closer to death. Every twist and every turn and every pull brings Toisch closer to his death. The guards adjust the electrode to the right leg. It is attached to a spot inside of the open slit. One of them picks up a black hood and places it over Toisch's head. The adjustment of the hodd is the final act of preparation.

Toisch's eyeballs roam around the room. There is a silent appeal from the gallery to Toisch, but he remains aloft. Toisch nods. He is ready.

There is a puttering drone. The body of what was until a moment ago living flesh leaps forward as if he's going to break the bonds. The Kraiser waves the chamber's guards to hold their position. The bonds do not break. Instead a thi, gray wisp of smoke curls up slowly from the chair, and there is the odor of burning flesh.

The hands turn red, then white, and the cords of the neck stand out like steel bands. The drone increases in loudness. The body is still straining at it's leather bonds. His right hand breaks loose from one arm of the chair in an ever desperate grasp at surviving. "Yea'ow, this Toisch is em hard one to kill,"

said Kraiser Barents. Barents orders the arm to be refasten and the droning is heard again. Then, simultaneously, the body bursts his bonds and assumes a rigidity on the floor, inches away from Kraiser Barents. A chill runs up the Kraiser's spino. And in the audience, the curse is mentioned many times.

An examination is immediately ordered. The audience get up from their seats and there is a lot of whispering. They move around in the gallery. The doctor's voice is heard, "Herr Kraiser, this man is dead."

The audience moves toward the exit, their eyeballs full of tears. It is from the smell of burning flesh, they say as they leave.

CHAPTER 333.

The Black Hand has promised to help Denmark, so they sent their own Doctor Frank-ker-romo from Naples to Berlin.

The first Doctor Frank-ker-romo show up in this story is in a military justice surplus store. The store features specials on falsed-up evidence, railroad ties and iron track, blank confession papers and other oddities. The good doctor is after the brain of Toisch.

((Now, dear readers, you know why we wonder of the truth of the report from Denmark. Surely, he must be mad, this Doctor! Imagine, a human brain! Horrors!!))

EDITORIALIZING.....

Bern, Switzerland (From the Almighty Alps):

Well, you may wonder what has happened now? I must simply state that this issue is, I repeat, is extremely late.

Why? Well, it seems that with everything else that has happened the last few months, I was not able to get Aquarius ready for the last deadline. Then, I took a look and saw that I could not put an issue out in between (I could have, but couldn't change the next deadline) with too much trouble, and could not change the deadline. So, I did this issue bits by bits and have thus postponed the entire issue one whole stretch of time between deadlines. In essence, then, this issue is 6-weeks overdue.

This is a bad thing to do and I do not like doing this. I as a player can be understanding, but a six-week deadline delay/issue delay is too much and can only be excuseable on the account of so many things that went wrong which shouldn't have gone wrong.

Well, what I'll say is this: if this happens again, and not because of external

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BOURSE, Winter 1916 Actions

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COUNCIL OF NATIONS, 1916
Winter Session

| | #39 (Bel) | #40 (NAf) | #41 (Swi) | Ppts.* |
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| England | A | A | Y/8000 | 17,460 |
| Italy | Y/7440 | N | N | 14,930 |
| Bulgaria | Y/3000 | N/1000 | Y/75 | 7,200 |
| Belgium | Y/15000 | A | A | 45,645 |
| Albania | Y/10000 | Y/5000 | Y/5000 | 37,780 |
| Turkey | Y/10000 | N/10000 | Y/21250 | 72,900 |
| France | Y/25,350 | Y | A | **50,850 |
| North Afr. | Y/100 | Y/100 | Y/500 | 1,475 |
| Russia | Y/2050 | Y | Y | 4,150 |

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| Vote Results | Passed | Passed | Passed |
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* Turkey has given 50pp to all active countries during this season.

**Prestige points for Dep. Gen. Sec. added to total.

Note: All other nations are penalized 75 ppts.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY SPEAKS

Bern, Switzerland (CHP): The first speech by the new General secretary, Johann Boyer of Switzerland was recorded today for posterity:

"My dear esteemed diplomats of this wise body for piece, er, peace..." a slight pause to clear his throat, "I am again your elected General and it gladdens my heart greatly to know that we can now move forward more rapidly under my super dynamic leadership. After two years of relative apathy, we expect to see a big revival of interest in the CON. Our first act as the General will be to approve the request from Switzerland for a CON Peace Force to establish a ceasefire between that heroic country and the Italian Empire. We have already sent a note to Pope Infallibility to inform his country of our decision. We will soon

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NATIONAL HOLDINGS

Austria: 1536Cr, 1500Fr, 1851Li, 2185Ma, 1502Pi, 3132Po, 2281Ro;
Albania: 1500Cr, 2328Pi, 770Po, 1503Ro;
Belgium: 6849Cr, 994Li, 3077Ma, 3929Po;
Bulgaria: 500Cr, 3773Li, 1863Po, 1422Ro;
England: 500Fr, 4568Li, 1000Pi, 4305Po, 700Ro;
France: 1612Cr, 3204Fr, 2351Li, 1282Ma, 1593Pi, 115Po, 2219Ro;
Germany: 1000Cr, 233Fr, 1700Li, 606Ma, 2418Pi, 600Po;
Italy: 1811Cr, 1514Fr, 1000Li, 906Ma, 3000Pi, 2340Po, 1500Ro;
North Africa: 1658Cr, 1000Li, 500Ma, 2999Pi, 1296Po;
Serbia: 1101Cr, 1287Fr, 2700Li, 2423Ma, 2762Pi, 467Po;
Russia: 2096Fr, 1785Li, 1711Ma, 1881Pi, 5529Ro;
Turkey: 1001Cr, 2954Fr, 2368Li, 1807Ma, 2281Pi, 67Po, 1500Ro.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Bern, Switzerland (CHP): In a light election held during this session, only two candidates were up and consequently, those two won the two available offices. It was very stratified as a results and this is a honest count:

General Secretary: Boyer 3

Others, none

Deputy Gen. Secy: Blank 1

Others, none

So, the new General Secretary is Johann Boyer of Switzerland. Please see elsewhere for his opening speech. Turkey will send its diplomat to take its rightful position as Deputy General Secretary, and has been awarded points for taking the two years office. Congratulations.

NEW ACTS OF CON

Bern (CHP): Acts #39, #40, and #41 were all passed. #39 allows Gen. Sec. to appoint replacement for Dep. Gen. Sec. with majority approval from Council. #41 allows Gen. Sec. to raise and allocate CON units to police ceasefires between Switz, and Italy. #40 allows press units ((to be over-ruled by #44 or #45??)).

These are hereby deemed as law by the Council of Nations.

GENERAL's SPEECH, CONT.

establish an effective CON Peace Force to patrol the ceasefire between these two nations as soon as a decision has been made on CN motions #44 and #45. Until that time, we are unveiling our master plan for this ceasefire, er, ceasefire. We will request for a total allocation of two armies and two fleets. One army will be established in Switzerland and the other in Rome. We will position the two fleets in Naples and Sardinia respectively. We feel that this Peace Force allocation will ensure a satisfactory ceasefire environment until these two countries can agree to a formal pact ending their conflict. That is all we have to say, and we will close by stating that we will be most pleased to work closely with Deputy General Secretary from Turkey as soon as we learn his name. Thank you for your vote of confidence, ladies and gentlemen of the Council."

NEW MOTIONS

CN#49 (North Africa): Since John Boyer is looking for things that capture interest--and I hope this does--I have a semi-game idea. Each year, every country submits a set of 3 numbers for their technological advances for said year. A list of these advances (updated every year) is held by the adjudicator. He will then tell the world of these new advances (which may be used by the founding nation exclusively for 1 year and then anyone can use it). Prestige points are gained for good advances, and lost for bad ones. I will adjudicate this portion of Aquarius myself, if the populous is willing.

CN#50 (England): In view of the success of the Summer Olympics, England proposes that a series of Pan-European games similar to the Summer Olympics be held every second year (that is, after each Olympics--in this case Summer 1918, etc.) These games would be worth half the prestige points of the Olympics as well.

VOTES ON CN#42 through #48--Don't forget to vote each section A through J in CN#45!

DEBATES ON MOTIONS

England: Following the news that the new English delegate, Sir Edward Grey, had been

recalled as he was getting on his plane for Bern, it was learned that a special delegate had been sent in his place. With that little introduction done, Mr. DePrisco turned the floor over to the new English representative, Alf...When the other delegates succeeded in pulling Alf from under the floor, he took the podium (however, Mr. Boyer made him put it back). With that, he began to speak:

"Mr. Secretary, other honorable gents and Mr. Boyer,....I come here today because the Corp said I had to..."

With that, he stopped his speech and turned to Mr. DePrisco and handed him a note from the English Government to the Council. After the Secretary-General had plucked the English note for around Alf's lunch, he continued the English presentation:

"England wishes to clarify CN#42--we believe the belligerents should have some say in who polices the ceasefire. That is, we wish to insure that the policing body, be impartial. That way, insuring that both sides get a fair hearing.

England supported CN#41--and would like to propose that if #41 is accepted, that (if Russia is willing) the entire matter of Moscow be turned over to the CON Peace Force."

That ended the English note. Turning to Alf, the General Secretary discovered that he was gone (along with the podium).

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Turkey: In a gesture of good will Turkish ambassador Ali Babbles has given 50 Prestige points to every voting member of the Council this season. The Sultanis has given this permission to Ali in view of the extreme prestige that the former government has built up. Sultanis Cynthia stated that she felt that this large amount of Power? controlled by Turkey on the Council floor could serve to discourage younger and smaller nations from trying to assert themselves in this council.

Among the screams and cheers the Turkish Representative Ali Babbles rose from his chair to address the council. "Gentlemen, I thank you for your kindness, I would now like to draw your attention to the proposed motions before us. First, the English motion #42: We of Turkey must oppose the dominance of smaller nations in the Council by the larger nations. As a true friend of the smaller nations, Turkey will vote no on this motion. On our own motion #43: Since the withdrawal of Germany from the council will make the passage of this motion meaningless without a police force (as of yet) to enforce it we of Turkey wish to propose that this motion be tabled indefinitely pending the

EUROPEAN SOCCER LEAGUE
1915-16 Soccer Season

FIRST THIRD RESULTS:

| | W | T | L | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Serbia | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| Turkey | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| England | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| North Africa | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Belgium | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Albania | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Russia | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |

Switzerland(CHP): League officials decided to merge the two conferences into one when only seven teams decided to join this year's league. It is hoped that more teams will join next year. If your country is interested, please inform the E.S.L. Directors at Bern, Switzerland, in care of Aquarius.

VICTORIOUS TEAM GREETED

York(English Soccer News, E.N.S.): All of York today turned out to meet the World Champions, York Bulldogs following their smashing victory in the European Soccer finals. Team captain Tommy Fraser stated that it was a fantastic victory and that he was happy that the Bulldogs had returned the Championship to the British for the second year in a row.

EDITORIAL COLUMN

Bern(CHP): Again, Aquarius is way late past the deadline. Before you swear or tear up this rag, please wait and hear us out.

The delay, this time, was caused mainly by a series of unfortunate acts beyond our control coupled by our tight publishing schedule. The matter of the situation is now becoming all too clear to us: that any emergency will set us back somewhere on our schedule. This time it was machine trouble, stencil shortages, and the Canadian postal strikes.

The vote on the key question of how fast Aquarius should be published was settled in a good majority agreement:

Nine voted for 6-weeks deadlines, one voted for 3-weeks deadlines, and three voted for flexible deadlines. It is clear that the six-weeks deadline is most acceptable. This would be the case for us too if it wasn't for these acts beyond our control. If we were to get sick, even, it would set us back! So,

are we to set back Aquarius by another blow of mortal dimensions? We will not unless we are forced to do so. For the time being we will do our best to operate on the 6-week schedule, but if we cannot maintain anything close to it due to circumstances beyond our control, then we will have to resort to new measures. There are two of which #1 would be tried first and #2 tried last:

1) Reduce Aquarius to 12 pages and keep the same 6-week schedule.

2) Abolish Aquarius as a separate zine by cutting out press and only continuing the games with minimal press allowed. Most likely, the merger would be with Lost Horizons.

There is a third step of completely going out of business with Aquarius by paying off everything, but this is beyond our own comprehension. As long as we are able we will continue to publish Aquarius' games.

Step two would involve partial repayment by me, but for now we are not even going to further consider that. At worst, we envision Aquarius hovering between 12 and 16 pages until next Fall.

Next Fall will represent a major point in our publishing career in the extent that we will have determined what we will do for the next two years. On the one hand, we may end up becoming more involved with the IDA as its Editor (provided we run for re-election a third time and provided we win) of the DR. If this occurs, we will be trying to make it extremely outstanding and it will leave us only with enough time to publish one other zine--most likely Impassable.

The other alternative is that we will withdraw from active publishing for IDA and concentrate on what we now are trying to do along with being Editor.

There is both a strong pull to deliver the goods, so to speak, to you people, and a strong pull to continue serving the IDA since it will be a valuable service to the whole hobby. I cannot begin to tell you how important it is for the IDA to have a good Editor. If someone else can rise to the occasion, then I will step aside, but now we see no one with a mimeo machine and talent to go with it plus time. I had all three and now am lacking the last factor, but the life of IDA almost rests upon that visible output called, Diplomacy Review.

So, the conclusion, for now, is that we will carry on and try this 6-week schedule. If it fails, we will try #1, if that fails, well, we'll cross the bridge when we get there. Until then or later, you can all help me by keeping your game orders on separate

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Bern, Switzerland (CHP): We had a very good response to this new game, and we are deeply gratified. All that now remains is to hope that the game will not take overly long. This can happen if the double agent becomes too cautious. Obviously, conversely, the double agent can blow the game very early. We think though, that we have a capable double agent for this game. The only differences in our postal game, besides simultaneous movement (and the special rules for it) and the board are the facts we have more regular agents to hunt down the double agent plus lesser number of "alarms" necessary to be sabotaged. We hope that these two will tend to cancel each other out. The regular game takes 6 players at most with 15 alarms and the double agent has to sabotage NINE of them. So, figure it out for yourselves if you so desire.

Entwood, RR #1
Amesville, OH 45711

So, what now? Everyone should have a copy of the rules containing the list of provinces where "alarms" are located and which can be sabotaged by the double agent.

Africa.

If our experience can indicate anything, this game might last about 10 turns or so, longer if the double agent wins, shorter if he loses.

1973BU, Winter and Autumn 1916

France retreats Fleet Mid-Atlantic to Irish Sea; Italy retreats Fleet Ionian Sea to Tunis.

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AUSTRIA(Tommensen):  Removes Army Silesia
ENGLAND(Greenwell):  Builds Army London,
                     Fleets Edi and Lvp
FRANCE(Chin):  SP
GERMANY(Barents):  Removes F Baltic
ITALY(Massar):  SP
RUSSIA(Hendry):  Removes Fleet Sevastopol
TURKEY(Blank):  Builds Fleet Constantinople

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Austria: A Gre, A Alb, A Tri, A Bud (4);
England: F Mid, F Eng, A Mos, F Swe, F Bel,
 F Edi, A Lon, F Lyp (8); France: A Mar, A Gas,
 F Iri (3); Germany: F Bre, A Par, A Bur,
 A Ber, F kie, A Ruh (6); Italy: A Mun, A
 Tyr, A Ven, F Tun, F Tyr (5); Russia: A Gal,
 A War, A Rum (3); Turkey: A Bul, A Ser, F
 Aeg, F Ion, F Con (5)

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May 20th.

If YOU are moving, please let me know in time! There are several students who should be shifting to their home bases, so let me know! Until then, we'll assume you're where we think.

crises such as machine breakdowns, or any postal strike, etc. I will not attempt to continue Aquarius. It would not stop me, but it would no longer be worth it to the players who don't write.

This means, then, if another problem comes up, I'll cut it out for good and transfer all games to one of my other gamezines and cut out the press. To make up for it, I'll refund all monies and take the loss. The players will get their money back and the subscribers will get the remainder back. I do not want to cause any ill feelings, but I do not want to make any, either, in continuing to be late with Aquarius. If my time is too tight to permit flexibility with outside emergencies, then it is not right. I am sorry that I did not find this out til now.

Of course, I'm willing to absorb long run costs due to inflationary spirals (in a long game slowed by long deadlines), but it will have to be put to a vote. Ones who are against anything longer than 6-weeks deadlines that is, with skipping of deadlines, will have the option of having their money refunded and pulling out.

Naturally, I can avoid this with smaller issues, but this I did not get any support from in the last poll. Well, we'll cross the bridge when we get there. Until then, I hope that nothing else breaks down here. To me, the delay was hardly noticed as I'm typing all the time on something. This summer will be no exception as I'll undertake the job of producing the second Handbook for IDA. That should not interfere with Aquarius or my other publications, but be prepared for a moratorium on all gamezines, if I find it necessary to do so to get the Handbook out in time. As it now stands, I feel that I will be able to do it without too much trouble as I'll have much more time than last year when it was dumped into my lap with three weeks to go prior to the Dipcon....

Gung ho!

WHAT IS DUE IN ORDERS?

Game 1973BU: Spring 1917 orders by 6/6/74

Council of Nations: Votes and prestige points on CN Motions #42 through #48. Don't forget to vote on sections A through J in #45; by 6/6/74. Also, new motions and debates.

Bourse: Buy and sell orders by 6/6/74.

Soccer: Your offense/ defense numbers for second third of season by 6/6/74.

Espionage: Your starting location and your first move (and search, if possible) are due

EARLIER THAN OTHER GAMES on May 30, 1974 at Bill Clumm's mailbox (see page 11). He'll then have a week to prepare the results and send it to me. I will be working on the issue for two weeks as planned and send it out around June 19th, if not before. So, if you don't get it by the end of June, start worrying and let me know.

I am making a special request for all to keep his orders and press releases separate from each other. There are more than one kind of press relase, also, depending on which game it belongs to. So, keep sports news separate from bourse orders and so on. This will make it all much easier for me to organize everything to type it. Some people have not been separating their material and I do not like this! Also, I desire that these separate pieces be on full size sheets, not one sheet cut up. You can, if you must, put bourse orders together with bourse press and so on. Okay, let's get on with it! ALL OTHER ORDERS ARE DUE JUNE 6, 1974 at noon.

WE'd LIKE SOME HELP

Bern, Switz: Hey, would someone like to go back through the issues and type up a complete list of new rules we have passed in the Council of Nations' game? There are several involving the Bourse and prestige points and currencies, so I'd like to have it straight in my head instead of it being a little fuzzy, not being down on paper. The list of changes is getting to be too long for us to not to worry about forgetting some small minor detail.....do it and let me have it! Thanks!

CARTOONIST WANTED

Bern, Switz:

Ever since the DW appeared with its excellent comics, we thought Aquarius should have some too, but we're no cartoonist. We do like the ads and pictures, but is anyone out there able to create a period-style political cartoon or just a funny one? Let us know!

AN EXPERIMENT...

Bern, Switz: We are going to print this on a limited number run, of large single sheets. If it isn't too hard, we may switch over for future Aquarius. Should be interesting....

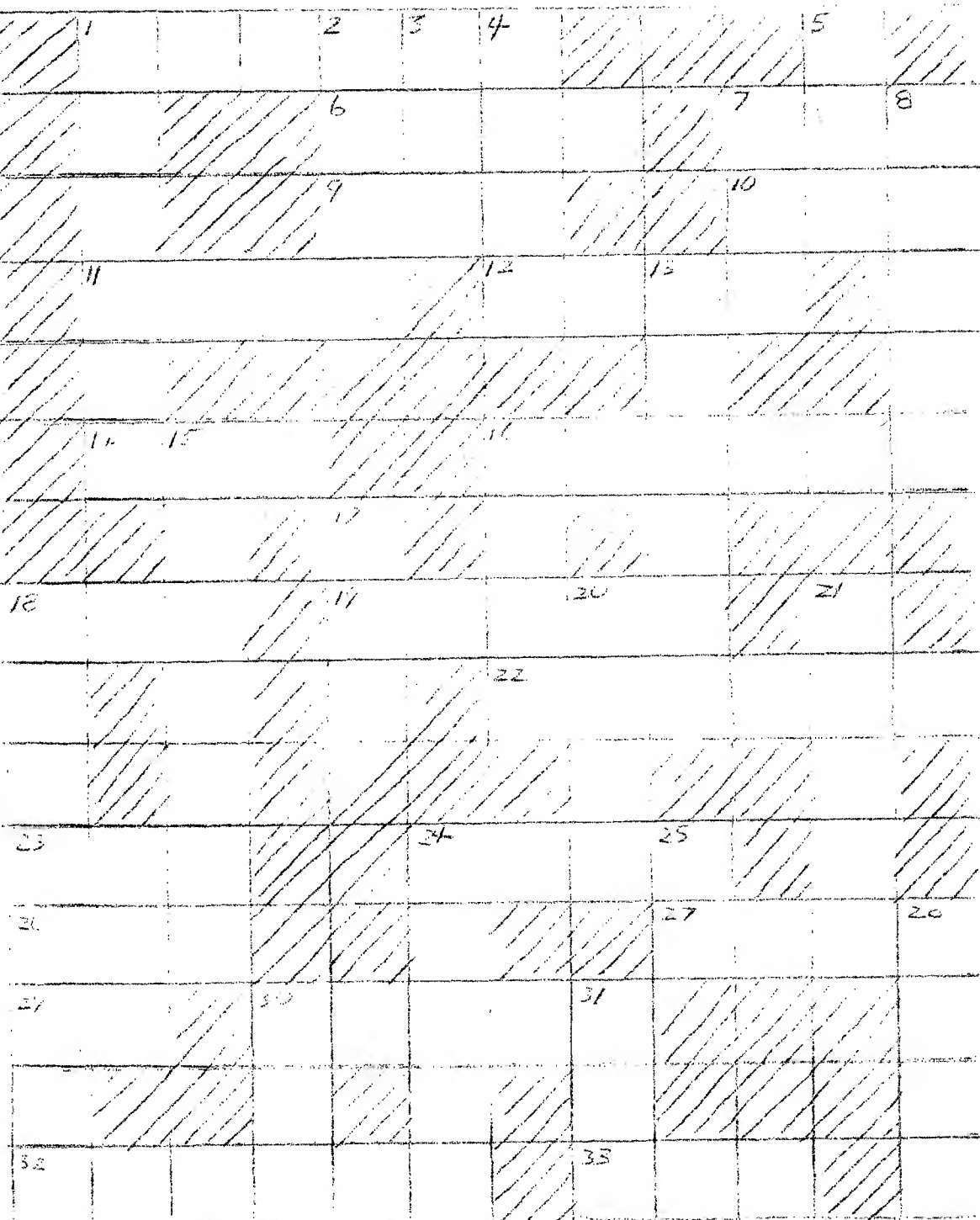
DIPLOMACY CROSSWORD
by John DePrisco

ACROSS:

1. James Bond foe.
6. Middle East country.
7. IDA Officer
9. Negative prefix
10. Space for a fleet (Abrev.)
11. Gov.'t issued
12. Alch mist's were accused of making it.
14. Initials of 30 across
16. Fleet function
18. Prohibit
19. Type of pants fabric
22. He claims to be "world's Tallest"
23. Mimic
24. Brooklyn's best
26. Italian province (avrev.)
27. Chancelor of the Exchequer, in a way
29. Printers measure
30. He's on all conference maps
32. Yellow, for one thing
33. Low Country (abrev.)

DOWN:

1. Key supply center
2. Natural outer covering
3. Theater sign
4. Suspend
5. Defunct organization
7. Not the begining
8. A major power?
13. A supply Center
15. Irish spirit
16. Indiana's other publisher
17. It's often found in the hole
18. Sorry, no fleets allowed here.
20. Biblical character
21. Better half of 27 across



24. Bread spread
25. Compass direction
28. Bull (Spanish)
30. Owned by 20 down
31. Site of many sea battles (abrev.)

Average time of solution: 15 minutes. Solution will appear in next issue for your own personal edification and even satisfaction.

SOME LAST WORDS....

Well, it looks as if this turns out to be slightly on the thin side. I didn't mind it this time, but next time (God grants me mercy from everything...) we'll hope to put out one of our better issues just to show you we can still hack it despite the problems.

We want to thank everyone for being nice about all this and we easily desire to thank DePrisco for the above puzzle (we're experts at puzzles, but alas, crossword puzzles are not our thing), Dick for his drawings and we are thanking Clumm for running Espionage.

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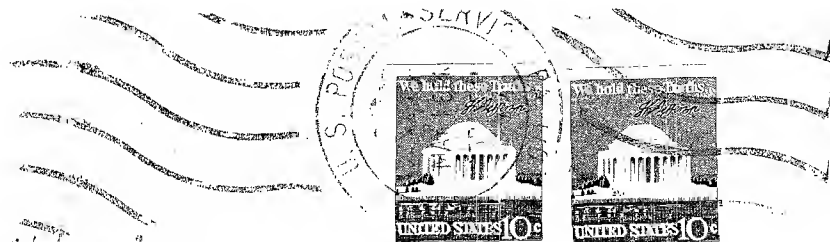
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RULES FOR ESPIONAGE

- 1) The following areas are provinces which will contain the "alarms" to be sabotaged by the double agent: Moscow, Belgium, Portugal, Albania, Constantinople, Norway, Ireland, Tunis, Rome, Serbia, Crete, London, Denmark, Munich, Bulgaria, North Africa, Iceland, Holland, Sardinia, Sicily, Paris and Vienna.
- 2) The following areas are passable: Ireland, Crete, Iceland, Sardinia, Sicily, and Switzerland. All other regular provinces are also passable.
- 3) There are thus a total of 22 provinces containing "alarms" which can be "stolen, disrupted, destroyed, broken into, etc." by the double-agent. The area's contents is up to the owning player, and they may be used in press releases.
- 4) Movement is same as in Diplomacy but at a doubled rate, i.e., a player may move up to two provinces per turn as well as hold. Players cannot, however, remain in a province in order to get another "look" at the province--they must first leave for a full turn.
- 5) Everyone starts in the capital of his country, city or province of his choice.
- 6) To win: The double agent must sabotage a total of 5 provinces including one prior to the game. He thus will have to sabotage four during the game without being caught and reach Switzerland before anyone who accuses him does so. Regular agents win by accusing the double-agent and by catching up with him before he reaches Switzerland safely. If the regular agent makes a correct accusation, he gets a free additional two-province move on his last move that would have him catch up with the secret double-agent. This is added last to prevent other players from knowing that he has accused correctly. The double agent will be informed by the GM that he has been accused. If the regular agent was wrong in his accusation, he is removed from the game by the GM without the others being told who he accused wrongly. It is entirely possible that the double agent, upon being accused, has not sabotaged the necessary number of provinces in order to win. In this case, a race may develop between him and his accuser. The double agent will attempt to stay ahead of the regular agent while sabotaging what he needs to win and then run for Switzerland. The regular agent, in order to win, must catch up with the double agent in the same province outside of Switzerland. Thus, waiting in Switzerland will not win the game for the regular agent.
- 7) THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RULE: If the situation arises that the regular agent has not been able to catch up with the double agent--even allowing for the extra two moves (see rule 8 for the mechanics of the extra two moves) AND the double agent has sabotaged all he needs to, then it automatically becomes open season and all regular agents will be informed as to who is the double agent. In this final situation, whoever can land in the same province with the double agent wins if he can do so before the double agent reaches Switzerland. No one receives any extra moves.
- 8) Before the double-agent has sabotaged five provinces, the accuser will be allowed to use two extra moves in his effort to catch up with the double agent. This extra two moves are applied if at the end of any single move/turn the regular agent is within two spaces of the double agent. The GM will automatically apply the extra two moves and move the regular agent in with the double agent for the capture. The double agent can by use of irregular movement or by straight running away from his accuser remain out of reach for this rule to be applied. As long as he does so, he is safe and can attempt to sabotage more provinces, if necessary. He must remember, however, that if he has an accuser and he then has sabotaged five provinces, it becomes an open season on him. No one will get the two moves on him, but he will have everyone after him. The chances should be about the same for his escaping capture. Once in Switzerland, he wins.
- 9) In order to make it possible for the double-agent to win the game, he will be allowed to sabotage one province prior to the game. He will inform the GM which province he has sabotaged. The GM will never inform the others if a province was sabotaged prior or during the game.
- 10) Regular agents will be informed when they reach a province if it is sabotaged or not. They will have to keep records of who visited the province in order to be able to deduce their suspects. The double agent does not have to sabotage any province during any turn, but it is hoped that he will not delay the game by excessive delays to sabotage provinces. If both the double and regular agent arrives in the province at the same time, the DA is allowed to sabotage or not depending on anyone else being there. If he

- 11) Once sabotaged, a province remains sabotaged. Only the double agent can sabotage and no one can de-sabotage.
- 12) Moves are written just as in Diplomacy. The exception is that units are named SA (for secret agents) and support orders are not legal.
- 13) Below is map of provinces containing "alarms" which can be sabotaged.

